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Sir:

The following remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application in response to the Office Action dated May 27, 2004.

As to the requirement for election of one of the species of the invention identified by the Examiner as: Species 1 - Figs. 1, 5-8; Species 2 - Fig. 9; Species 3 - Figs. 10A, 10B, 11, 27A, 27B, 28A-34; Species 4 - Figs. 12-17; Species 5 - Figs. 18-20; Species 6 - Figs. 21, 22; Species 7 - Fig. 23; and Species 8 - Figs. 24, 25; the requirement is traversed in that applicants submit that, contrary to the Examiner's position that there is no generic claim, generic or sub-generic claims are present in this application.

Applicants note that claim 1, for example, is considered to be readable on more than one species, as identified by the Examiner, as is apparent from the fact as will be set forth below, that dependent claims, dependent on claim 1 are not identified as being readable on the elected species, as will be elected below. It is

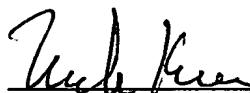
therefore apparent that upon allowance of claim 1 as a generic or sub-generic claim, claims directed to other species will necessarily be considered.

In order to provide a complete response to the election requirement, applicants provisionally elect, with traverse, Species 1 - Figs. 1 and 5-8, with applicants submitting that claims 1-9, 23, 42-44 and 53-61 are readable on the elected species.

Applicants note that dependent claims dependent upon claim 1 as, for example, claims 24, 25, 29, 32, 33, 34, 38 and dependent claims thereof are directed to nonelected species, and therefore applicants submit that generic and sub-generic claims are present in this application, and applicants request favorable action with respect to all claims present in this application.

To the extent necessary, applicant's petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortage in the fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (500.41513X00) and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,



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